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- 1. AT NOVEMBER 17 ECONADS MEETING, DANISH REP BRIEFED COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN'S OCTOBER 28-30 VISIT TO CUBA.
- 2. ANDERSEN MET WITH MINISTERS OF FOREIGN TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION, MINISTER PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF CUBA AND MINISTER PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION. AS NOTED REFTEL, AN ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED ESTABLISHING A BILATERAL COOPERATION COMMISSION, BUT OTHERWISE CITING NO OTHER SPECIFIC AREAS OF COOPERATION. DANISH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPS REPORTLY MADE CLEAR TO CUBANS THAT ANY COOPERATION PROJECTS THAT MAY RESULT WOULD BE ON "STRICTLY COMMERCIAL BASIS".

3. SUBSTANTIAL PORTIONS OF THE DISCUSSION DEALT WITH SUGAR QUESTIONS. THE CUBAN SIDE INDICATED SATISFACTION WITH RECENT SUGAR PRICE STABILIZATION AGREEMENT IN

GENEVA AND TOLD THE DANISH PARTY THAT WHILE SUGAR IS OBVIOUSLY OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO THE CUBAN ECONOMY, THEIR PLANNING GOALS FOR SUGAR INDUSTRY EXPANSION SHOULD NOT BE TOO HIGH. THE CUBANS REPORTEDLY INTEND TO DIVERSIFY FROM THE PRESENT SINGLE CROP ECONOMY AND STRESS DEVELOPMENT OF NICKLE, FISHERIES AND CONCRETE INDUSTRIES AND TOURISM.

4. THE DANISH ECONAD MADE NO MENTION OF DANISH SHIP SALES TO CUBA (REFTEL PARA F). BENNETT

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